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SECAF visits injured Air Force personnel

Capt. Therese Frentz, Office of Special Investigations agent assigned to the 759th Medical Support Squadron, explains her injuries to Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne during his visit at Brooke Army Medical Center June 1. Captain Frentz recently underwent skin graft surgery for an injury she received in October, 2004, when a suicide bomber attacked a café in Baghdad's Green Zone. Her injuries included burns on 30 percent of her body and shrapnel to her knees and abdomen. *Photo by 2nd Lt. David Herndon*



Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne speaks with Senior Airman Daniel Acosta, at Brooke Army Medical Center June 1. Airman Acosta, an explosive ordnance disposal specialist assigned to the 759th Medical Support Squadron, lost his arm in Iraq in December after stepping on a pressure plate and setting off an improvised explosive device. Airman Acosta was attached to the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron while deployed. He credits the Air Force family ideals for helping him during his rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center. *Photo by 2nd Lt. David Herndon*

Hurricane, disaster plan approved

By 2nd Lieutenant David Herndon
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force medical service flagship recently approved a plan slated to improve medical responses to hurricane emergencies throughout the continental United States.

The 59th Medical Wing's Critical Care Air Transport Team Rapid Hurricane Response plan was approved and adopted by Wilford Hall Medical Center commanders here May 26.

The plan falls directly in line with the official start of the hurricane season that began June 1.

"The newly designed program's aim is to be forward thinking and have people consider what could possibly happen in a hurricane prior to the event," said Capt. Shaun Westphal, CCATT Pilot Unit nurse manager and creator of the response team program. "The program is slated to provide advanced preparation, prompt notification and rapid mobilization with responses to possible national medical emergencies that require CCATT support."

The Rapid Hurricane Response plan is a collaborative effort between the CCATT Pilot Unit, the 59th Readiness Squadron and the 59th Aeromedical Staging Flight and will bring rapid medical care in the event of a natural disaster, said Captain Westphal.

"The CCATT Pilot Unit has six teams standing by at all times for hurricane response. Each team consists of a critical care physician, a critical care nurse and a cardiopulmonary technician," said Maj. (Dr.) Mike Meyer, CCATT Pilot Unit medical director and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit physician.

"We exhausted our basic resources and needed to enter the War Readiness Material supply chain with the two hurricanes last year. Now we are focusing on having all of our gear, documentation and people ready to go," said Captain Westphal.



Capt. Mike Dixon and Staff Sgt. Lina Gamez provide a hand to hold and reassuring words to an elderly patient who survived Hurricane Katrina during evacuation Sept. 1, 2005. Captain Dixon and Sergeant Gamez teamed up with an activated Reserve C-17 crew from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., to provide aeromedical evacuation for ambulatory and critical care patients. Captain Dixon is an intensive care nurse with the 59th Medical Wing, Sergeant Gamez is a respiratory therapist with the 759th Surgical Operations Squadron, both from the 59 Medical Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. *Photo Master Sgt. Lance Cheung*

“We did a terrific job putting seven teams into the air in a very short time period as we built a plan based on incomplete data, but we took a beating with the past hurricane season since we did not have a contingency plan in place. Our Hurricane Katrina and Rita experiences served as lessons learned as we built the current response plan. This program will show the advanced preparation we are taking for the civilian populous,” said Major Meyer.

Development of documentation boxes, carried on missions, is just one of the many time consuming processes necessary to carry out specified CCATT missions. These boxes hold the manuals needed for CCATT missions aboard different types of aircraft, explained Staff Sgt. Michelle Ransdell, CCATT member and interim CCATT Pilot Unit NCO in charge.

“With a forward approach to getting all of these tasks taken care of, it will ultimately alleviate a lot of stress and save time when urgent events call for the need of CCAT,” said Sergeant Ransdell.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts an 80 percent chance of an above-normal hurricane season, a 15 percent chance of a near-normal season, and only a 5 percent chance of a below-normal season.

“We would love for there not to be a single hurricane this year, but if one happens to occur, we are prepared,” said Captain Westphal.

Mission in Iraq special airs Sunday

Story and photos by Dewey Mitchell

59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

A prime time broadcast, “San Antonio’s Mission in Iraq,” will prominently feature Wilford Hall Medical Center personnel deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to the Air Force Theater Hospital at Balad Air Base, Iraq.

The hour-long documentary will air at 9 p.m. Sunday on News 4 WOAI, the NBC affiliate station in San Antonio. News 4 anchor Randy Beamer produced the special after traveling to Balad Air Base in April. The special will be broadcast free of commercial interruption.

The documentary, the culmination of more than five months’ of hard work, began with the 59th Medical Wing Public Affairs staff polling local



Scottish contractor Tony Mitchell is interviewed by Randy Beamer in a ward at the Air Force Theater Hospital in Balad, Iraq. Mr. Mitchell had undergone surgery to remove shrapnel from head injuries after a mortar attack hit his security detail.

media for interest in a trip to the Air Force Theater Hospital to highlight the life saving work of the 59th Medical Wing members deployed there. WOAI quickly responded to the opportunity and anchorman Randy Beamer worked with the Public Affairs office to travel to Balad in April.

Prior to the team leaving, Hollywood television writer, Jeff Eckerle, was also added to the trip along with public affairs escort Capt. Mary Danner from the Air Force Entertainment Liaison Office. Mr. Eckerle works with a production group planning to market a TV series centered around Critical Care Air Transport, or CCAT teams deploying from Wilford Hall.



Filming patients arriving by helicopter at the Air Force Theater Hospital at Balad, Air Base, Iraq, News 4 WOAI anchor Randy Beamer wears protective gear provided by the 59th Readiness Squadron.

On the 10-day trip, the journalist and writer also had time to conduct interviews and tour facilities at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

During their four-day stay at Balad, Mr. Beamer and Mr. Eckerle conducted dozens of interviews, flew on a “dust off” mission to transport the wounded by helicopter from Baghdad to Balad and witnessed mortar attacks on the base.

The local anchorman interviewed injured Iraqis and a Scottish contractor as well as American servicemen who were being treated at the hospital. He also witnessed medical care being given to wounded insurgents.

Both members of the media were able to witness and interview aeromedical evacuation crews and CCAT teams as they cared for patients being flown out of the war zone and on to the next level of care at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

The hour-long documentary will feature highlights from the hours of video tape and interviews Mr. Beamer accomplished during his travels. For more information on “San Antonio’s Mission in Iraq” feature, contact the 59th MDW Public Affairs Office at 2- 7688.

Commander saved, changed lives while in Iraq

By Lt. Col. Bob Thompson
332nd AEW Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq -- Being in charge of the busiest trauma hospital in the Iraqi combat zone is a high-profile, high-energy job. In the past four months, the hospital admitted about 1,500 patients, performed about 2,500 surgical procedures and evacuated more than 2,000 patients.

No one knows this better than Col. Don Taylor who completed his tour May 23 as the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group commander and handed the unit's flag to the new commander, Col. George Costanzo.

"Colonel Taylor did a lot of outstanding things," said Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "Most importantly, his team ensured that if a wounded Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman or civilian made it through the doors of this hospital, they had a better than 96-percent chance of surviving their wounds and making it home."

American patients are stabilized at the Balad Air Base hospital and then usually airlifted to medical facilities at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany -- often within 24 hours. En route to European and American hospitals, the patients receive critical care from aeromedical teams who save lives and ensure proper care is ready at the next stop.

"Moving the trauma care to the front is important and profound," Colonel Taylor said. "We're able to do this and provide medical care en route thanks to our air dominance."

Balad is located approximately 42 miles north of Baghdad in the southeastern corner of the Sunni Triangle. This area was considered the power base of Saddam Hussein and is one of the prime locations for insurgent activities.

During the past four months, Colonel Taylor and his team were covered by 12 international news media organizations and featured on numerous broadcasts and articles that recorded the wounded on their way home.

"It's important that our nation know what we do here," Colonel Taylor said. "Our mission is important to America, to Iraq and to the world."

"This tour will change your life as well as the lives of many others," the colonel said to the new commander and the new staff members.

During his remarks, Colonel Costanzo said it is an honor and privilege to command the great medics of Air Expeditionary Force 1 and 2.

"The wing's legacy is second to none," Colonel Costanzo said. "The medics of AEF 9 and 10 did an outstanding job and we're going to continue that legacy."

Colonel Costanzo is deployed from the 347th Medical Group, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., where he is the

deputy commander and chief of the medical staff.

Colonel Taylor returned to duty as the 59th Medical Wing vice commander, Lackland AFB, Texas, Monday.

Col. Don Taylor briefs News 4 WOAI anchorman Randy Beamer on the Air Force Theater Hospital's mission and operations shortly after Mr. Beamer's arrival in Balad, Iraq, in mid-April. Colonel Taylor deployed as the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group commander for AEF 9 and 10.
Photo by Dewey Mitchell



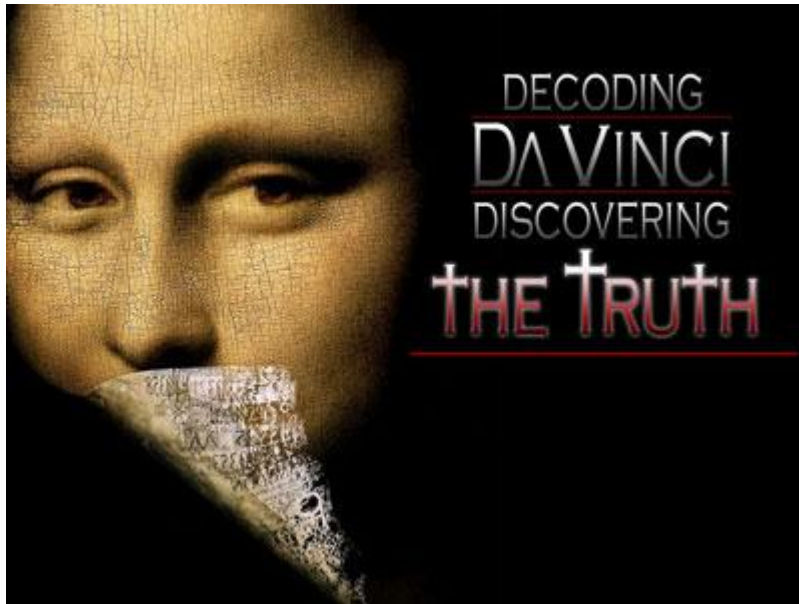
AF Launches civilian self-service system

The Air Force will launch two self-service modules that will allow civilians to access their personnel information beginning June 1. My Biz will provide civilian employees access and the ability to update information about themselves. My Workplace will provide military and civilian managers access to information about their staff.

For more information about My Biz and My Workplace contact your local civilian personnel flight or visit ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods3=2469&prods2=264&prods1=44.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123020725>

Decoding Da Vinci bible study begins Monday



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dave Wilshek will lead a bible study class beginning Monday titled, "Decoding Da Vinci: Discovering the Truth!" The study will be held every Monday through Aug. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Wilford Hall Chapel conference room (BE40). Materials will be provided and everyone is invited to bring their lunch. Format will be informal with discussion. Contact the 59th Medical Wing Chapel staff at 2-7860 for more information. *Illustration by Chaplain (Capt.) Chris La Pack*

Pediatric dental patients needed

The Pediatric Dental Department at Lackland Air Force Base provides drop-in dental screenings as part of their pediatric dental training program.

Dental screenings will be available for all eligible military medical beneficiaries under the age of 13 from 8 to 11 a.m. June 14 at the Lackland Sky Lark Community Center, Bldg. 6576.

Screenings will be done in the Longhorn Room on the first floor. No appointment is necessary. Children will receive a dental screening exam, an opinion on your child's dental condition and appropriate treatment recommendations or alternatives.

Parents should bring a copy of their child's treatment plan, or referral letter from their private dentist.

Contact Col. Jeffrey Mabry at 2-3327 or Staff Sgt. Monica Williams at 2-4072 for more information.



Madison Bellon opens wide while Col. (Dr.) Jeffery Mabry brushes her teeth during a drop-in dental screening May 10. *Photo by Robbin Cresswell*

Commander's Action Line

I want to keep lines of communication open within our wing and for our patients and other partners. Please call the Action Line at 2-4567 with your suggestions, comments or questions about the way we do business, or send an email to 59MDW.PA@lackland.af.mil. Of course, you should always try to resolve problems first at the lowest level possible. If you leave your name, telephone number and a detailed message, you will receive a personal response to questions or complaints. A good source of information about various Air Force issues is "Air Force One Source," an information service provided in partnership with the Family Support Center. Call toll free 1-800-707-5784 24 hours a day, or access their Web site at www.airforceonesource.com.



*Brig. Gen. David Young
59th Medical Wing commander*

Thank you, and God bless

Comment:

My brother received a bone marrow transplant at Wilford Hall Medical Center in April. The service provided to us, the visiting family, was incredible. I have been a patient in private hospitals six times and I have never experienced the incredibly excellent customer service that we saw while visiting your facility. I was so impressed with the nursing staff on the 6th floor and the hospital staff in general. Everywhere we turned, someone was offering us their service. When we seemed slightly lost, someone would stop to ask us if we needed help. Internet access was also made available to us so we could make hotel reservations for family members and the list goes on and on. I just wanted to say "Thank you and God bless" to all the staff for making it so apparent that they care.

Response:

Thank you for writing. Our Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic and Ward personnel have a reputation for outstanding patient care and I'm very pleased to hear your brother and his family were all taken care of so well. We are especially lucky to have Capt. (Dr.) Louis Varner, Tech. Sgt. Richard Kemp, Staff Sgt. Enrique Saucedo, Airmen 1st Class Douglas Bennett and Patricia Chapa, Kathy Jones, Joe Clark, Isabel Mayes and Brenda Russell on staff. I'm told they were directly responsible for your brother's care. We know that a patient's recovery is contingent upon their family's support and presence and we strive to do everything we can to keep family members comfortable and well-informed at all times. I hope your brother's health continues to improve.

Supply and demand

Logistics Airman's enthusiasm helps keep staff motivated

Story and photo by
Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

Airman Joshua Beckwith has an abundant supply of motivation and enthusiasm, traits which are always in demand in the 59th Logistics Squadron.

“Airman Beckwith has been hand-picked to train new incoming Airmen. He is extremely gifted at effectively motivating subordinates to exert the efforts necessary to attain organizational goals. His enthusiasm and pride naturally develop team momentum,” said Staff Sgt. Cynthia Rangel, the 59th LS NCO in charge of document control. “Airman Beckwith is an extremely valuable individual who I’m exceedingly glad to supervise.”

Among his duties Airman Beckwith tracks medical supplies and items that are ordered for the hospital, but have not been received.

“It’s my job to find out why. Sometimes items are lost in shipping, on backorder, or in transit. This job is very important because Wilford Hall is an extremely busy hospital and many items that are ordered need to be here in a timely manner; if not it could delay a surgery or treatment,” he said.

“Airman Beckwith is a true professional and is meticulous about completing all his assigned duties accurately,” said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Viera, 59th LS Medical Materiel Flight superintendent.”

Part of those assigned duties includes performing quality control checks on source documents.

“Basically, I ensure items that we receive match up with what was ordered, I have to make sure all prices and quantities match up, this requires a lot of attention to detail,” said Airman Beckwith. “For all the orders placed, it is our responsibility in our section to ensure that the invoices, purchase contracts, and packing slips get scanned for future reference. Some of the task may be seen as simple, but they are very important.”



Airman Joshua Beckwith serves as the 59th Logistics Squadron liaison for vendors, custodians and Defense Finance and Accounting Service personnel. Airman Beckwith also assists in the annual medical materiel inventory, tracking more than \$800,000 worth of items.

Airman Beckwith left his home in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to join the Air Force one year ago. He said he was looking for something that would present challenges that would shape him into a successful, committed and dedicated individual.

“The Air Force has provided me with self confidence and the realization that I am capable of undertaking more than I ever imagined,” said Airman Beckwith. “I have accomplished more in the Air Force in one year than I have ever dreamed possible in my life, and I continue to learn more about myself everyday.”

Airman Beckwith’s future goals include marrying his girlfriend of two years, Natalie Baer, who just completed her first year of college with a 4.0 average. “It is tough at times having a long distance relationship, but we can handle anything. We are definitely going to get married after Natalie completes college,” he said.

Airman Beckwith also has future college plans.

“I am going to further my options by taking advantage of all of the educational opportunities that are available to me. I believe that participating in college classes and studying hard will help me to go above and beyond my dreams and provide a beneficial learning experience. Learning provides endless possibilities and attending college classes will undeniably be well worth the time and effort.”

The logistics Airman hopes that, that time and effort will eventually pay off by allowing him to trade his enlisted stripes in for officer bars.

“Being an officer in the Air Force would be a phenomenal opportunity for me and I will faithfully remain dedicated to accomplish such a challenging goal,” said Airman Beckwith. “Everything that the Air Force has added to my life is remarkable, and more gratifying than I would have ever anticipated.”

Sharing his hopes, dreams and enthusiasm are what Airman Beckwith does best.

“Airman Beckwith consistently goes out of his way to help others,” said Sergeant Viera. “He is always the first to volunteer, and has proven to be a shining star and has set the bar for other Airmen to emulate.”

“Everything that I accomplish, no matter how small or large of a task that it is, must be performed with maximum effort accompanied with accuracy and dedication,” said the medical material apprentice. “Nothing that I do ever is completed ‘half finished.’ I will forever be an avid believer of putting forth maximum effort into everything that I carry out.”

It is that dedication to perfection that fuels a continual cycle of excellence in the 59th LS everyday. Airman Beckwith credits the superior people he works with to the success he has achieved.

“The quality of work that everyone presents is outstanding, which provides a rewarding and professional atmosphere for all. It is fantastic to walk into a job everyday with an incredibly supportive group of individuals. We are motivators for each other, which builds confidence, workmanship and job satisfaction for all.”

His advice to those who wish to succeed; “Things that you want the most never come easy. Hard work and enthusiasm have motivated me to get to where I desire to be in life. I know my dreams and aspirations for my future are endless.”

Pencils and scalpels: Artists help providers illustrate the cure



Illustration of a surgeon at work by Master Sgt. Cody Vance

By Jim Verchio

Air Force Communications Agency Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. -- For many communicators, success is measured by how accurate they are in providing information to help get bombs on target or assist with enemy kills. Yet, there is one group of communication specialists who measure success by lives saved through their ability to illustrate medical procedures.

For those whose area of operations is the surgical suite, the Medical Multimedia Center at Wilford Hall Medical Center is ready to provide the medical warfighter with products aimed at improving patient care, furthering medical research and visually documenting everything from minor surgeries to forensic pathology.

“Illustrators at Wilford Hall are initiated into the inner chamber of Air Force medical research,” said Master Sgt. Cody Vance, an illustrator in the center. “The graduate medical education residents who rotate through the hospital are always discovering new medical procedures that save lives and improve the quality of life for our military families.”

The multimedia center primarily provides the graduate medical education program with professional multimedia products and services in support of its operations. Operating under the direction of the 59th Training Squadron, 59th Medical Support Group, the center provides medical illustrations and photography, video teleconferencing, and video documentation and services in support of medical training.

Sergeant Vance said research comes from in-house trials or lessons learned downrange. With the research in hand, the artist works closely with residents to produce visual representations of their findings. The doctors then are able to take their findings on the road to medical conferences and support their research with real-to-life artwork. In some instances, artwork also is used to explain procedures and put a patient at ease.

“It’s marvelous at how accurately we are able to visually tell the story of these intricate procedures,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jay Bishoff, the lead urologist at Wilford Hall. “The mock ups we produce show my patients exactly what I’ll be doing. These illustrations are priceless.”

At the wing level, military photographers usually are tasked to shoot the obligatory retirement and promotion ceremonies. However at the 59th MSG, they document medical research such as cranial facial documentation and live surgical procedures, and provide autopsy documentation. An integral part of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, the group's specially trained and certified photographers are prepared to deploy "same day anywhere" in the U.S. with a team of forensic pathologists to document potential cause of death of servicemembers.

"Visual documentation of fatalities preserves evidence which may be critical to investigations," said Col. Joanne Henkenius-Kirschbaum, 59th TS commander. "This documentation assists the Air Force to capture lessons learned, and possibly avoid future mishaps and loss of life. Considering the multimedia career field is not a medical specialty, our photographers and illustrators do a remarkable job with the special missions entrusted to them."

In the medical arena, the metaphorical bombs on target are lives saved, and providers at Wilford Hall can rest assured their multimedia team is poised and ready to support that mission at a moment's notice.

Sergeant Vance said there's real job satisfaction in being able to bring the visual to life.

"Whether it's illustrating a ground-breaking procedure or helping forensic professionals document the cause of death, it's nice to go home at the end of the day knowing you're directly impacting someone's quality of life," he said.

Bulletin Board

Mini Job Fairs

Bring your resume to the Family Support Center for the Federal Bureau of Investigation mini job fair from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday in Bldg. 1249. There will be representatives from the agency taking resumes and giving information on job openings. For further information call Bill Hall at 3-3722.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. David Skirvin will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the hospital auditorium. Contact Master Sgt. Thomas Deering at 2-3467 for more information or to RSVP.

Check 6 event coming

All Lackland Air Force Base dorm residents are invited to de-stress, eat and socialize at the Check 6 event, sponsored by the Lackland Chapel. Food, a live DJ, and prizes will be provided Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the dorm volleyball courts. Contact Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Roffman at 3-4208 for more information.

Office closure

The 59th Medical Wing Volunteer Services Office will be closed for business from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in preparation for an official function. The office will also be closed June 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for an official function. Regular business hours will resume June 19. For more information call the Volunteer Services Office at 2-6591.

Persona no longer used

Beginning Aug. 1 Persona will no longer be used to remotely log in to the Composite Health Care System, or CHCS. The security certificate for persona has expired and will not be renewed. The

secured method to remotely log into CHCS will be thru 'Secure Provider Access to CHCS' (SPAC), located on the TRICARE Online Web site at <http://www.tricareonline.com>. Once at the TRICARE online site, click on the log on screen and register as "Other TOL Users". If you are military or a military family member you may register as a beneficiary during this process. Civilians and contractors not affiliated with the military will be unable to register as beneficiaries. If you are already registered solely as a beneficiary please contact Deborah Mills at 2-7045 or David Bourassa at 2-4052 to upgrade your TOL account and enable SPAC. After registering into TRICARE online log in and click on "Desktop Tools" located on the left hand side of the screen and then click on "Secure Provider Access to CHCS". This will bring up a CHCS log on screen. At the username prompt type "CHCS" and then your access code and verify code. If you have any questions please call the individuals listed above.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Col. Robert E. Smith II will be held at 2 p.m. June 28 in the Gateway Club's Fiesta Ballroom. Contact Rebecca Garces at 2-6815 for more information or to RSVP.

Youth tennis registration extended

The Lackland Air Force Base Youth Tennis Program registration has been extended to close of business Friday. To sign your child up for this year's program, or to find out more about the program, call Youth Programs at 3-2388 or 3-1245, or stop by Bldg. 8205.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Rodolfo Martinez will be held at 10 a.m. June 29 at Arnold Hall. Contact Staff Sgt. Infinity Smith at 2-7017 for more information or to RSVP.

TV give away

The 59th Medical Support Squadron has a 19 inch television/VCR combo which they are no longer in need of. The system is in good working condition. The item is an official Air Force asset and can be used by any wing unit in need. Interested units should have their equipment custodian contact Master Sgt. Timothy McCann at 2-4273.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Col. Thomas Rice will be held at 3 p.m. June 30 in the Gateway Club's Gateway Room. Contact Priscilla Lockhart at 2-7819 for more information or to RSVP.

Uniform Board clarification/Pony tail OK

Clarification to the 97th Air Force Uniform Board message dated 062000Z FEB 06, states: A women's hair pins and bands will match hair color and long hair will be secured with no loose ends. The intent of this item is that long hair should be styled in a manner that prevents loose ends from extending upward on the head. For example, when using the claw clip or hairpins, hair will not present the appearance of a "rooster tail," when hair is in a bun, all loose ends must be tucked in and secured, when hair is in a pony tail, it must be pulled all the way through the elastic band and may hang naturally downward, not extending below the bottom of the collar. Bangs, if worn, will not touch the eyebrows. As with all hairstyles a neat and professional image is essential.

AFSA Flag Day Golf Tournament June 16

The Air Force Sergeants Association will host a Flag Day Golf Tournament June 12. The event will kick off at 11 a.m. with sign-in and a short Flag Day ceremony. The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. Format is a four-person scramble. Local sponsors are providing more than \$3,000 in prizes. The field is limited to the first 36 teams. Everyone is eligible to play. Cost is \$30 for E-1 to E-4, \$35 for all other military and DOD civilians, \$40 for civilian with no DOD affiliations and \$20 for Golf

Course members. AFSA members will receive a \$5 discount. Participants need to sign up by Friday, but may pay at the registration table the day of the tournament. There will be two long drive contests and two closest to pin contests as well as 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place prizes. Door prizes will also be offered. To show support for the local AFSA chapter, as well as enjoying a chance for fun and prizes, contact Master Sgt. Robert Haase at 3-6517.

Farewell event

A farewell luncheon for Master Sgt. Kyle Gaede will be held at 11:30 a.m. June 14 at the Coyote Canyon Steak Buffet. Participants should RSVP by Monday to Wanda Smith at 2-7598 or by email at Wanda.smith@lackland.af.mil. Come out and say good-bye to Sergeant Gaede as he prepares to depart for Lajes Field, Azores.

Junior Golf Clinic sign up

The deadline for sign up for the Junior Golf Clinic to be held July 10 through the 21 is June 23. The clinic is for youths ages 6 to 18. Classes are held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and the first Friday. The last Friday will run from 8:45 to noon. Cost is \$75 for participants who need clubs, \$150 for participants who need adults clubs, and \$45 for participants who have their own clubs. Costs include a shirt, cap and the clinic. Deadline for the July 31 to Aug. 11 class is Aug. 14. Call 3-2517 for more information.

AF punch out!

The Bennett Fitness Center will be the site of the June 10 Boxing Royale. Beginning at 4 p.m. U.S. Air Force boxing teams will take on Royal Air Force teams. For more information, contact the Bennett Fitness Center at 925-4848.

JEAP picnic

Mark your calendars. The Team Lackland Top III will be hosting the 6th Annual Junior Enlisted Appreciation Picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 4 at Stillman Park. There will be food, fun, games, prizes and more. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Max Park at 3-3627 and Master Sgt. Patrick Johnson at 3-3240.

MPF closure

The Lackland Military Personnel Flight will be close at noon June 21 for an official function. The MPF will reopen for business June 22 at 7:30 a.m. Emergencies, such as casualty notification, may be addressed by contacting the Lackland Command Post at 3-4225.

Father's Day event at Kelly Club

An early Father's Day celebration will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. June 16 at the Kelly Club. Enjoy a blast in to the past with groovy '70's disco music and even farther back with '50s and '60s poodle skirt swing music too. There will be free appetizers while they last. Dance the night fever line and do the street hustle. For more information call 925-8254 or 925-1240.

Star Spangled Banner Festival volunteers needed

The 59th Medical Wing has been asked to provide medical coverage for the Lackland Air Force Base 28th Annual Star Spangled Banner Festival July 4. The event will take place at the base amphitheater from 4 to 10:30 p.m. Twenty-four nurse and technician volunteers are needed to provide first aide care from 3 to 11 p.m. Volunteers will be divided into four groups working for two hours each starting at 3 p.m. For questions or concerns and to sign up, please contact Tech. Sgt. Janeen Harris via email or call 2-7947.

Volunteer youth positions needed

The Volunteer Services office is looking for placement possibilities for mature youth 15 to 18 years of age for our Volunteer Youth Experience Program. Call the Volunteer Services office at 2-6591/6592 for more information or fill out a 59th Medical Wing Form 3005 (Volunteer Request Form). The form can be found on our 59th MDW Intranet in Forms and Publications. Volunteer Services will be placing youth volunteers the week of June 5.

Birthday celebration

The next birthday celebration will be held June 15 at the Live Oak Inn, Bldg 10810. The dinner will honor permanent party E-4s and below during their birthday month. The celebration will have entertainment and a magnificent multi-course dinner, which will feature main entrees of steak, grilled chicken, or pasta with marinara sauce. The evening's festivities will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. The meal charge is in accordance with current reimbursement rates. Enlisted personnel on Subsistence in Kind (SIK) - no charge, Military personnel on Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) - \$3.50, dependents of E1 through E4 birthday celebrants - \$3.00, civilian guests of birthday celebrants - \$3.50. Please make your unit reservations by June 9. Email your organization's reservations, including choice of individual entrée to Sylvia Terrell at Terrell@lackland.af.mil. Guests must be 12 years or older, as the function is not designed for younger individuals. If you have any questions concerning this event, contact Allen Tharp and Associates at 3-2009.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic has seen a number of changes in the last few months. The Attic is still open for business Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. but it is now relocated in the basement of the Family Support Center, Bldg. 1249. Donations are accepted on these days between 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. only. Due to limited space, they are unable to accept furniture, mattresses, computers, and weight/training equipment. Other donations not accepted are undergarments and bathing suits. All donations should be brought into the attic and not left on landings at the rear or front of the building as they are likely to be discarded as security risks. The Airmen's Attic now has a direct telephone line, 3-1780, if anyone needs further assistance.

Skylark hosts quarterly flea market

The Skylark Flea Market will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 17. There will be lots of great values with over 40 vendors selling items. Enjoy food, music and fun for the whole family. To reserve a space for only \$10 call 3-3191. Rented spaces include a table. The flea market will be in the Warhawk Fitness Center parking lot, Bldg. 2418, across from the Shoppette. Enjoy a Texas size flea market at bargain prices!

Getting new furniture?

If your unit is scheduled to get a new furniture package installed it is your responsibility to advertise the excess furniture for reuse in the 59th Medical Wing. It's easy to do. Just write up an announcement with point of contact information included and email it to the Public Affairs office at 59mdw.pa@lackland.af.mil so that they can run it in the daily announcements and Vital Signs. If you do not have any takers on your items, then you will need to turn your items into the Logistics Warehouse. POC for turn in information is NCO in charge of quality assurance at 2-2307. Turn in times are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Any questions regarding furniture packages can be directed to Jo Pinto at 2-6597.